

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the above amendment to the claims be entered prior to further examination of this application.

Applicant, by his undersigned representative, hereby elects the invention of Group I as established in the Restriction Requirement, namely claims 1, 4 and 5.

However, claims 1-5 have been cancelled and claims 6-10 have been added. Claims 6, 9 and 10 correspond to former claims 1, 4 and 5. Accordingly, in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 10, 2001, claims 6, 9 and 10 are elected for examination on the merits.

Additionally, it is now believed that the product claims (claims 6, 9 and 10) are **not** restrictable from the process claims (claims 7 and 8). In this regard, the Examiner's basis for restricting claims 1, 4 and 5 from claims 2 and 3 was that the product as claimed could be made by another and materially different process such as a process including forming the curled portion after the adhesive is cured. However, the product now recited in claims 6, 9 and 10 can no longer be made by forming the curled portion after the adhesive is cured.

In this regard, claim 6 recites

wherein said curled portion is formed by inwardly curling an edge of said at least one of said two opening ends **before** the adhesive between said plural wound layers cures (emphasis added),

Claim 9 recites

wherein said curled portion is formed by inwardly curling a respective edge of said two opening ends **before** the adhesive between said plural wound layers cures (emphasis added), and

Claim 10 recites

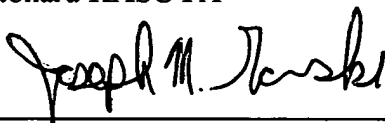
wherein said curled portion is formed by inwardly curling a respective edge of said two opening ends **before** the adhesive between said plural wound layers cures (emphasis added)

Accordingly, the product as recited in claims 6, 9 and 10 now specifically precludes a product that can be made by forming the curled portion after the adhesive is cured. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the basis for the Restriction Requirement issued in the Office Action mailed October 10, 2001 is not applicable with regard to new claims 6-10, and that claims 6, 9 and 10 are not restrictable from claims 7 and 8 for any other reason. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that claims 6-10 be examined together.

Having made the required election, examination on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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